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Dear Dick,

Thanks for the good wishes in your note of the 22d.

I'm still limited in what I can do and have had to reorganize my life and activities around the phlebitis. While I walked more than I have yesterday, I also then learned that the level of anti-coagulent, which had been reduced slightly, cannot be and had to be restored to the previous level.

If I didn't tell you, I had a reporter ask Specter the day he announced his candidacy if he'd debate me on his work on the Warren Commission. As in the past when not to would be too obvious, he agreed. Since then, as on countless occasions, nothing has come of it. I'm up to that and if you have any way of encouraging it I'd like it.

In some areas I can anticipate executive-branch operations and counter-moves. I think I picked up one in the testimony before the full committee in which the story of Hoover's approval of leaning on King through a reporter came out. I have serious questions about this and would like to read the exact words. They can lead to something else on which I've already started working. If Dave can send me a copy of that testimony I'd appreciate it as soon as possible. With my present limitations I have to work through others. So, if this is possible, the faster the better.

In the end, which is not now close, this will come up in court, too, in one of the cases already scheduled to a judge. It and other areas of my work and the status of the Ray appeal may have had more to do with this testimony that, from the news accounts seems entirely voluntary, than may appear on the surface. If copying all the testimony presents any problem for Dave or others, then the part dealing directly with this is what is of greatest interest. And possible immediate value.

During the holidays I anticipate a greatly reduced volume of orders, which I package during my rest periods. I can use that time for study of that transcript or part of it. In any event, I am proceeding and I have options as of now. If my hunch/analysis/knowledge are correct, it can be a boost to you.

When I was a Senate editor it was Senate policy that once non-secret testimony was given it became public domand and copies were made available. In fact, I always had extra galleys for this purpose. However, if the committee is following a different policy and if there was a prepared statement, that alone could be of some value. It is merely that I do not want to depand upon the press accuracy or completeness.

On another subject I suggested that you subpoena the CIA files on me. I don't know whether or not you have. I've been quite patient for them for more than four years. They've been careless and deceptive with me. I've finally filed an appeal. I believe the nature of full compliance is such that they'd rather risk court. If Jim Lesar is in a position to do it and if the appeals have not been acted upon by the time permitted by law, we'll file a complaint. I've much more than they've given me already plus proof that there is internal deception to contrive a false response. There is more than the files on me involved in these efforts. You may, in fact, have obtained some of what I seek, of which the withheld executive sessions are only part on which CIA has been stonewalling.

Hope all of you have a good holiday. Thanks and best regards,

Harold Weisberg